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GEORGIA DOT WANTS YOUR TWO CENTS IN IMPROVEMENTS TO LOGANVILLE HIGHWAY

Loganville, Ga. - A public information open house to discuss the Georgia DOT's proposed project to improve State Route (SR) 20 in Walton County is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 5 until 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Historic Rock House, located at 135 Main Street in Loganville, Georgia.

Walton County's residents interested in learning more about the proposed widening project are encouraged to attend the meeting and express their thoughts and preferences.

"We would like to hear the viewpoints and concerns of all area residents," says Brent Cook, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Gainesville.

The proposed plans call for intersection improvements along SR 20 at Moon Road/Center Hill church Road, Centerville-Rosebud Road, and McCullers Road. The existing 2-lane roadway will be widened to a five-lane roadway beginning south of Sharon Church Road and will transition from the five-lane section to a one-way pair north of Overlook Drive. The one-way pair will utilize existing SR 20/Main Street as the two northbound travel lanes and CS Floyd Road as the two southbound travel lanes. The one-way pair will continue through downtown Loganville and end at SR 20/SR 81. The project will then continue west on SR 20 until reaching Brand Road.

The purpose of project is to improve operations and reduce crash frequency and severity on SR 20 between Rosebud/Miller Bottom Road and Brand Road in Loganville by implementing intersection improvements and widening the existing roadway from two lanes to a four-lane roadway (two travel lanes in each direction with a center median), between Sharon Church Road and SR 20 (Loganville Highway). The project will improve portions of SR 20 from a rural major collector to an urban section with curb and gutter. The project begins just north of the intersection of SR 20 at Rosebud/Miller Bottom Road and ends at SR 20/SR 81 in Loganville for a total project length of 6.75 miles.

"The Georgia DOT strongly believes that since this project is intended to serve the people of Walton County, the ideas and preferences of these people are important," Cook explains. "This meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposed project, ask questions, and express their preferences as well as their concerns."

The Open House will be informal and the public is invited to attend anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. There will be no formal presentation. A court reporter will be available to allow the public an opportunity to make verbal comments about the project.

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by calling Kim Coley at (770) 531-5748.

Written statements will be accepted concerning this project until Friday, May 6, 2016. Written statements may be submitted to:

Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
16th Floor, One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree Street, N.W.

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Copies of the project's environmental document will be available for review at the Open House, and are available to the public at any time by sending a request to the address listed above.

In addition, comments and statements resulting from the Open House will be available at this location once reported and sorted out.

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